

REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended to add a period that had been inadvertently omitted. None of the amendments made herein constitutes the addition of new matter.

THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Patent Office has required election in the above-referenced application, alleging that there are four species which lack unity of invention. The four species are set out in Figures 1-4.

In the interest of advancing prosecution and without acquiescing to the allegation as to the lack of unity or single general inventive step, Applicants elect the species of Figure 4 with traverse. Applicants respectfully note that Fig. 4 depicts an alternative first valve to that shown in Figure 1 as part of the claimed apparatus. Claims 1-38 are believed to read on the elected species. Once the elected species is found allowable, extension of examination to the remaining species is respectfully requested.

This Response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (four months) and payment of the fee due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17. It is believed that this Amendment does not necessitate the payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If this is incorrect, please grant any further extension necessary and deduct any fee due under the foregoing Rules from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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